

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1767

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that certain service in the American Field Service ambulance corps shall be considered active duty for the purposes of all laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2001

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Field Service
5 Recognition Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN AMERICAN FIELD SERV-**
2 **ICE AS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE FOR PUR-**
3 **POSES OF VETERANS LAWS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(g) Service before August 15, 1945, by any indi-
8 vidual who was part of the enlisted wartime personnel of
9 the American Field Service ambulance corps, who reported
10 for duty overseas during World War II, and who was hon-
11 orably discharged therefrom under section 2 of the Amer-
12 ican Field Service Recognition Act of 2001 shall be consid-
13 ered active duty for the purposes of all laws administered
14 by the Secretary.”.

15 (b) DISCHARGE.—The Secretary of Defense shall
16 issue to each individual who served as enlisted wartime
17 personnel of the American Field Service ambulance corps
18 and reported for duty overseas during World War II a dis-
19 charge from such service under honorable conditions if the
20 Secretary determines that the nature and duration of the
21 service of the individual so warrants.

22 (c) CAMPAIGN AND SERVICE MEDALS.—Any indi-
23 vidual described by subsection (g) of section 106 of title
24 38, United States Code (as added by subsection (a) of this
25 section) who is issued a discharge from service under hon-
26 orable conditions under subsection (b) may be awarded

1 any campaign or service medal appropriate for such serv-
2 ice.

3 (d) PROHIBITION ON RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.—No
4 benefits shall be paid to any individual for any period be-
5 fore August 30, 1990, by reason of the enactment of this
6 Act.

